



Region 4 Works Council Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2014 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Location: Caterpillar, Lafayette

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Also Present:
Sascha Harrell - Chairperson	David Sulk	Dan Clark
Pamela Rager	Dianne McKinley	Roger Feldhaus
David Kummer	James Woolf	Deb Waymire
Doug Mansfield	Randall Holmes - Secretary	
Sue Ford	Mitchel Morrow	
Bradley Rhorer		
Tracy Caddell		
Kara Webb		
Andrew Ball		
David Bouck		
Sue Ford		

Call to Order

Committee chair, Ms. Sascha Harrell called the meeting to order at 1:30pm with a roll call.

Minutes Approval

Meeting minutes from November 2, 2013 were reviewed. Mrs. Sascha Harrell made a correction to the next meeting date. Mr. Doug Mansfield made a motion to accept both the November 2, 2013 meeting minutes with the correction mentioned. Mrs. Sue Ford 2nd the motion. Motion carried by the council.

Guest Introductions

Ms. Harrell introduced Mr. Roger Feldhaus and Deb Waymire from Tecumseh Area Partnership (TAP). Mr. Feldhaus covered the services that TAP provides Region 4 and gave the council several data points, hi-lighting Region 4's present grant application update.

Conexus Presentation

Ms. Caitlin Teague, Project Manager for Hire Technology presented to the committee on Conexus Indiana. Conexus Indiana is an initiative to capitalize on emerging opportunities in

advanced manufacturing and logistics, aligning resources and expertise to make Indiana a leader in these exciting industries.

Conexus Indiana is focused on issues like workforce development, exploring new market opportunities and building research and supplier networks to help Indiana manufacturing and logistics firms succeed.

Ms. Teague spoke to the committee about other initiatives taking place across the state that she thought the committee would be interested in modeling:

- EcO 15 - <http://www.eco15.org/>
 - Economic Opportunities through Education by 2015 (EcO15) is creating a regional system of life-long learning by connecting the residents of ten counties within rural Southeast Indiana to better economic opportunities through education by the year 2015 and beyond. EcO15 phase one invested \$38 million in infrastructure and common support services with an overarching goal of helping each person in southeast Indiana move up at least one level in their education, training or job placement within the region's three strongest economic clusters: advanced manufacturing, health care, and hospitality/tourism. Lilly Endowment Inc. provided the \$38 million grant to the region, and the region leveraged an additional \$15 million during phase one.
 - Discussed Middle School Opportunities – What is the hook to get middle schools involved and parents involved?
 - CEO Program in Howard County - The CEO program will be offered to Howard County high school juniors and seniors and covers the basics of conceptualizing, and starting and running a small business. The class meets in local businesses and changes location every nine weeks.

Review of Recommendations to State Works Council

Ms. Harrell led the group in discussion on the recommendations made by Region 4 and other Regions. The council continued to discuss the need to align/realign the data available to industry need in the future, which takes into account age demographics and not just jobs openings. (How can we influence this change?)

Other questions asked by the council:

What other grant opportunities are out there?

How do we find funding and/or partner with others on grant opportunities?

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm